GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:611
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2015
Skill Development Programmes in Railway Land
Chavan Shri Harishchandra Deoram;Pathak Smt. Riti

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for using railway land and technical manpower to organise skill development programmes;

(b) if so, the details and salient features of the agreement;

(c) the extent to which the shortage of technical manpower is likely to be fulfilled by implementing the said agreement;

(d) whether the Railways face shortage of technical manpower; and

(e) if so, the way Railways is likely to use its manpower for organising skill development programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.611 BY SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK AND SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN RAILWAY LAND

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways will make available sparable infrastructure, which are not operationally required by Railways for the time being, to Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through Directorate General of Training (DGT) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and in consultation with Railway, would identify areas within Railway premises where MSDE will undertake skill development programmes for unemployed youth especially in rural & remote areas.

(c) The MOU is intended to provide skills to the youth of this country to enable them to find suitable employment opportunities in the country. The MOU is not intended for skilling Railway employees for enhancing their technical expertise as in house training is already being imparted to them.

(d) Railways regularly undertake recruitment for filling up of Technical vacant posts to meet its requirements. Occurrence of vacancies due to retirements and their filling up is a continuous process and some vacancies are inevitable.

(e) Railways would provide only spare infrastructure to the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, who in turn, through their authorized representatives would conduct Skill Development Programmes. Wherever Railway technical manpower can be spared beyond their normal duty hours, their services can also be made available on voluntary basis, if required.
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